



Site icon demolished

Without much fanfare from the surrounding communities or hype from the media, the tallest and most visible structure on site safely fell to earth Saturday, Nov. 8, dramatically altering the historic Rocky Flats skyline. The 50-year old water tower was safely razed using small-scale explosives.

"The water tower was a landmark," said Project Manager Dyan Foss. "Today, its absence is a symbol of the tremendous progress the site is making toward closure." But for Foss and the others on site that cold November day, it was just another day on the job, another demolished structure.

The 155-foot, 300,000-gallon, elevated tank was constructed of steel and supported by a center pipe and six perimeter legs.

Controlled Demolition Inc. set explosives at the base of two of the perimeter legs. Seconds after detonation, the tank safely fell to its side, as planned. The following Monday, workers began size-reducing the tank. The steel will later be sold as scrap metal.

That same day, workers also demolished B881's 103-foot high ventilation stack and the site's last guard tower.

Demolition crews toppled the stack by cutting a 5-foot by 14-foot hole in the front and two wedges into its sides. Nearly six pounds of explosives were then used to bring down the stack. B881 is scheduled for demolition in the spring of 2004.

The 45-foot tall guard tower had thick concrete walls, bullet-

Tower was symbol for Cold War Warriors, heroes

by Bill Badger

The water tower was turned to rubble with the crack of explosives and the crunch of steel colliding with the earth. Yet, the moments of silence preceding the water tower's fall echoed louder than the rumble from its demolition. The water tower's 50-year presence at the site spoke volumes about the employees who worked here and whose lives were shaped by decades of service at Rocky Flats.

The water tower symbolized the pride and prosperity the site brought to the Denver area in the early years. The tower continued to stand tall through turbulent times of protest and discontent in the 70s. Even as the cold war came to a close, the tower remained a symbol of the role employees played in safeguarding our nation.

On Nov. 8, the tower became yet another symbol. Its demolition is a reflection of the commitment and dedication of employees in making the cleanup and closure of Rocky Flats a reality

proof glass and gun slots. Four guard towers were once on site. Three were successfully demolished in 2001. *by Bill Badger*

WTF creating opportunities

49 employers represented at last two job fairs

1,150 employees attended recent job fairs

1,200 employees have used the Career Transition Center resources

1,636 hits to KHeccareer.com in the last month

166 resumes posted on KHeccareer.com

Job Fair

Jan 16, 2004
AWS Friday
Omni Interlocken Resort
500 Interlocken Blvd.
Broomfield, CO
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Brought to you by Kaiser-Hill,
the Denver Post and the Rocky
Mountain News.
This job fair will target
companies in the Denver Metro
Area that are looking for the
skill sets our workers have.

Where are the jobs?

Colorado's top job growth:

- Health care/medical/biomedical
- Retail
- Finance and insurance
- Construction
- Education
- Government

Data from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

Steelworker receives help opening business

Welding is Richard Welsh's passion. In fact, Welsh, now 52, learned to weld when he was eight years old. He became so good at it that he opened up his own small welding business in his hometown of Salida, Colo.



The bust of the 1980s, however, decimated the mining industry throughout the upper Arkansas River Valley. With his largest customer gone, Welsh closed up shop and left the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains for other opportunities on the East Coast.

Eventually he made his way back to Colorado working as a Steelworker in B776/777.

Welsh, known to his coworkers as "Bubba," found himself core boring and removing ducting and overhead pipes.

In recent years, Welsh talked to a few coworkers about his dream to start a welding business again.

"We kept an eye out for Bubba," said Craig Petty, a Steelworker in B776 who worked with Welsh. "I once tipped him off to a lot of brand

new equipment I saw at a yard sale. He bought it all."

Welsh saved part of each paycheck to purchase and stockpile some of the inventory he would need.

When Welsh received his layoff notice, he knew it was time to act. He approached Carla Wolin with the Entrepreneurial Resource Program (ERP) in the Career Transition Center.

"She helped me get a lawyer, a bookkeeper, licenses, tax numbers and other information I needed to get started," explained Welsh.

Bubba is no longer at the Flats. He is currently setting up shop in his hometown of Salida. His family-owned business will be called Welsh Family Enterprises and will focus on heavy equipment, farm machinery and fabrication of new parts.

by Bill Badger

Work force transition input needed on Department of Labor survey

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDOL) wants to help site workers prepare for their transition to a new career.

Federal grant money is available to help displaced Rocky Flats employees. However, to apply, the CDOL must have information about our work force including career planning needs. To gather this information, the CDOL and Kaiser-Hill Human Resources will be distributing a sitewide survey in early December. The survey must be completed by Dec. 15.

The federal dollars will be used

by the CDOL to help provide Rocky Flats' workers with reemployment opportunities. The money may also be used to help pay for training, education or other assistance such as child-care or expenses incurred during an out-of-town job interview or relocation. The CDOL can also help workers obtain work-related certificates.

Look for the CDOL surveys in the next couple of weeks and with your assistance, additional resources will be available to better help you and your co-workers. *by Bill Badger*

Museum scrambles to save pieces of RFETS history

Do you have a story or memory of Rocky Flats you'd like to tell? Do you have artifacts or memorabilia you'd like to share? Are there items or equipment in your building or area that could be used to tell the story of Rocky Flats? Would you like to be involved in the Rocky Flats history project long after the buildings are gone?

In 2001, Congress created a National Wildlife Refuge at Rocky Flats and authorized the creation of a Rocky Flats Museum to commemorate the workers who helped the United States win the Cold War. Because the Cold War had such a profound effect on so many people and because Rocky Flats played such a key role, it is essential to understand and preserve the site's history. The museum will create a place where all the stories – those of Rocky Flats officials and employees, activists, plant neighbors and government officials – can be told.

Volunteers with the Rocky Flats Cold War Museum (RFCWM), an independent non-profit organization incorporated in July 2001, are scrambling to preserve the site's contents before bulldozers plow it under. They are trying to tag and save pieces of equipment before they are destroyed and locate items of historical interest across the site.

Artifacts will be stored until the museum opens. The collection includes cleanup gear, manufacturing instruments, models of buildings, typewriters, safety awards and plaques, and much, much more.

As buildings are put in D&D, keep an eye out for anything you may run across that helps tell the Rocky Flats story.

To make sure memories of Rocky Flats don't disappear once the last of the debris is hauled away, the RFCWM, in collaboration with Boulder's Carnegie Library, currently is in the process of documenting stories of workers, activists and others for an oral history and video project. The histories will be permanently available for researchers and the general public and will eventually be used in collections and displays at the RFCWM.

In addition, the RFCWM needs volunteers to serve on its board of directors as well as various committees such as Collections, Fundraising and Communications.

Be a part of the Rocky Flats legacy. Share your memories and knowledge of Rocky Flats in a videotaped oral history. Share memorabilia or artifacts of interest with the museum. Volunteer to serve on the board or one of the committees. You can contact the

RFCWM at www.rockyflatscoldwar-museum.com or call Steve Davis, executive director of the museum at 303-786-8018.
by Pat Buffer



Thanksgiving Trivia

Did you know...?

- The first American Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621.
- The Wampanoag Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the colonists.
- Thanksgiving was proclaimed a national holiday by President Lincoln in 1863.
- Benjamin Franklin proposed the turkey as the official bird of the United States. He wrote to his daughter, referring to the eagle's "bad moral character," saying, "I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country! The turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America."

Personnel Security reporting number changes

Effective Nov. 17, employees should call x5700 to report security-related "reportable" information. Per DOE Order 472.1C, all cleared employees, including those on leave and in the process of obtaining a clearance, must report the following within two working days:

- Arrests, criminal charges (include charges that are dismissed) or detentions by Federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violations of the law (includes driving under the influence or driving while ability impaired)
- Traffic violations resulting in a fine of \$250 or more, inside or outside of the United States
- Bankruptcies (personal or business) or garnishment of wages
- Changes in name or citizenship
- Employment by, or association with other business-related associations with a foreign or foreign-owned interest
- Hospitalization or other treatment for a mental illness, drug or alcohol abuse

Within 45 calendar days, report:

- Marriage or cohabitation with an individual who does not currently hold a security clearance. In addition, a "Data Report on Spouse" Form, DOE F 5631.34, must be completed and submitted to Personnel Security.

If you have any questions, please contact Personnel Security at x3208. by Clarice Bruce

declassifieds

Automobiles

1987 Ford F150, 4WD, extended cab pickup, 120,000 miles, one owner, camper shell, needs some body work, \$2,500 or best offer. Rick, 303-666-0635.

1989 Chevy Corsica, 123,000 miles, \$1,000 or best offer. Ernie or Val, 303-279-6245.

1989 Acura Integra LS, excellent condition inside and out, runs great, 120,000 miles, 160 watt stereo/CD player, power windows, locks, alarm system, \$3,000 or best offer. Jeff, 303-284-4582.

1993 ISUZU Rodeo, white/gray interior, grill guard, tow package, premium wheels and tires, custom lights, excellent condition, 129,000 miles, \$5,500. John, 303-659-2987.

1993 Toyota pickup, gray, standard cab, 2WD, 34,000 miles, \$4,500 or best offer. Heather, 303-908-0512.

1995 Ford F250, dark green, standard cab, matching camper shell, 75,000 miles, \$8,500 or best offer. Heather, 303-908-0512.

1999 Audi A4, 2.8 Quattro, 54,000 miles, green, tan leather interior, triptronic, winter and sport package, power sunroof, Thule canoe rack, custom wheels, \$16,995. Robert, 303-617-9396

2002 Chevy Malibu LS, automatic, 27,000 miles, excellent condition, fully loaded, AC, cruise control, power windows/locks, 100,000 miles extended warranty, sports package, rear spoiler, \$12,500 or take over payments. Zach, 303-550-6246.

Miscellaneous

Craftsman 6.5 hp self-propelled 22-in lawn mover, \$100. Charlie, 303-833-1426.

Two Uniroyal truck tires, Laredo 235/75R15 M/S, \$25. Larry, 303-763-8413.

Brown leather couch and recliner chair \$1,000; king bed \$500; tonneau cover for 1994-2002 full-size Dodge PU \$100; Reese 15K fifth wheel hitch \$150; Sony Vega 36-in. TV, \$500; all new condition. Scott, 303-903-3204.

John Deere LX 188 lawn tractor, 17 hp Kawasaki water cooled,

hydrostatic transmission, 48-in. mower deck, excellent condition, \$1,500 or best offer. Scott, 303-903-3204.

Studio accommodations at the Melia Vacation Club in Mexico, Costa Rica and Dominican Republic, 27 weeks for \$7,100 or one week for \$1,000. Mark, 720-934-4080.

Two baby cribs, \$75/\$50; crib mattress, \$30. Jeff, 303-467-2935.

Pioneer speakers, 15-in. woofers, \$100/pair or best offer; entertainment center, holds up to 32-in. TV, room for VCR tapes, CDs, speakers and other components, 48-in. x 60-in. x 19-in. \$100. Charlie, 303-833-1426.

Beige floral pattern sofa, \$75; love seat, \$50; 5-piece queen bdrm. set, dark wood, mattress included, \$125; NordicTrack, \$50, Russell, 303-430-8220.

Henry Link 9-piece, kids bdrm. set; French country-style, off-white, \$800; near new brown rocker/recliner, \$225; 60s colonial-style swivel rocker, \$30; chest of drawers, \$60; all in very good condition. Gerry, 303-425-6334.

For rent/option to buy, 2 bdrm., 1 bth. condo, Wheat Ridge (Garrison Lakes area) \$800 per month, Faith, 303-431-6739.

Trailers/Campers/Boats

1981 Coleman Colonial Pop-up, 2-burner stove, 10-gallon water tank, AC/DC lights, new tires, \$400 or best offer. Jeff, 303-284-4582.

Wanted

Two Avalanche tickets for Dec. 27 (Philadelphia) or Dec. 29 (Vancouver) game. JR, 303-460-0358.

Van Pool riders for 4-10s, Longmont and Boulder to Rocky Flats, beginning mid-November. Rick, 303-212-6718 or 303-772-3015.

Lost

Women's rectangular pendant with square cut crystals, no real monetary value – just sentimental, Melissa, 303-829-3699, 303-598-0131.

Declassifieds

- Only Rocky Flats Site employees are eligible to place ads.
- Please use the form at right to submit your ad. Or send your ad via e-mail to Jackie Powers, or via the Intranet (Home Page/News & Info/Communication Division/Declassifieds).
- Mail or bring ads to T130B, Cube 80.
- Ads should be no more than 20 words.
- Check category in which the ad is to be included.
- Home phone numbers must be used in the ads, except for items in the Lost/Found and Vanpools/Carpools categories.
- Site extension must be included (in case information needs to be verified).
- Only one ad per issue (ads will not be re-run unless they are resubmitted).
- Ads for garage sales or personal businesses will not be run.
- Ads for real estate can be placed only by owners and will include the phrase "for sale by owner."
- No ads for guns/other weapons will be accepted.
- Declassifieds are accepted on a first-come basis.
- Deadline is six working days before the desired publication date
- Employees who submit fictitious ads will be subject to disciplinary action based on company standards of conduct.

Category (circle one)

- Animals
- Automobiles/Motorcycles
- Lost/Found
- Miscellaneous
- Trailers/Campers/Boats
- Vanpools/Carpools
- Wanted

Text:

Name: _____

Home phone: _____

Site extension: _____

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